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Pacific Western Bank, San Diego, California, Assumes All of the Deposits of Affinity Bank, Ventura, California

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Affinity Bank, Ventura, California, was closed today by the California Department of Financial Institutions, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Pacific Western Bank, San Diego, California, to assume all of the deposits of Affinity Bank.

Affinity Bank had ten branches. The former Affinity Bank branches located in San Francisco and San Mateo will reopen starting tomorrow and the remaining branches will reopen on Monday as branches of Pacific Western Bank. Depositors of Affinity Bank will automatically become depositors of Pacific Western Bank. Depositors will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship to retain their deposit insurance coverage. Customers should continue to use their existing branches until Pacific Western Bank can fully integrate the deposit records of Affinity Bank.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Affinity Bank can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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As of July 10, 2009, Affinity Bank had total assets of \$1 billion and total deposits of approximately \$922 million. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, Pacific Western Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.

The FDIC and Pacific Western Bank entered into a loss-share transaction on approximately \$934 million of Affinity Bank's assets. Pacific Western Bank will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-sharing arrangement is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector. The agreement also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-640-2631. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., PDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., PDT; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., PDT.

Interested parties can also visit the FDIC's Web site at <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/affinity-ca.html>. The FDIC will make available Chinese-speaking representatives in the following branches: Sunset and Richmond in San Francisco, and San Mateo.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$254 million. Pacific Western Bank's acquisition of all the deposits was the "least costly" resolution for the FDIC's DIF compared to alternatives. Affinity Bank is the 84th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the ninth in California. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Vineyard Bank, National Association, Rancho Cucamonga, on July 17, 2009.

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